ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an image forming apparatus including a
latent image bearing member and a developing portion
having a plurality of developing devices provided
5   facing the latent image bearing member, since an
inputting portion for inputting an image signal, an
auto-discriminating portion for automatically
discriminating the kind of an inputted image, and a
control portion for changing over a first mode for
10   executing monochrome image formation, a second mode
for executing color image formation, and an auto-
selecting mode for changing over the first mode and
the second mode according to the discrimination of
the auto-discriminating portion, capable of
15   controlling such that movement of a predetermined
developing device to a predetermined position is
started before the auto-discriminating portion makes
the discrimination in the case the auto-selecting
mode is selected, are provided, at the time of
20   starting the image formation by the auto-selecting
mode, the developing device can be provided to the
vicinity of the developing position so as to shorten
the real average value of the FCOT by preliminarily
rotating the developing device changeover portion to
25   a standby position as the predetermined position so
as to be rotated by the remaining angle to the
developing position of the developing device after

being turned out whether the image to be formed is monochrome or colored.